

courses, and for the improvement and enlargement of natural drainage in Texas."

House bill No. 473, a bill to be entitled "An act to restore to and confer upon the county court of Leon county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said county court under the Constitution and General Statutes of the State, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change."

House bill No. 96, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide the mode of furnishing certain supplies to the asylums, and to repeal chapter 3, title IX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted April 29, 1895,"

On motion of Senator Darwin, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on its second reading,

House bill No. 614, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate the terms and fix the times for holding the district courts in the Eighth Judicial District of Texas, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act."

Bill read second time, and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Darwin, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Linn of Wharton.
Bowser.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Colquitt.	Presler.
Darwin.	Ross.
Gough.	Tillett.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.

Nays—none.

Absent.

Boren.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Stone.
Goss.	Terrell.
Rogers.	Yantis.

Excused.

Yett.

Bill read third time, and passed.

#### HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following House message was received:

Hall House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, April 2, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has adopted the report of the free conference committee on Senate joint resolution No. 8, being a resolution to amend section 3, of article XI, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize certain counties to give aid in the construction of rail-ways.

Also, that the House has concurred in Senate amendments to House bill No. 168.

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE, Chief Clerk.

On motion of Senator Wayland, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

#### SIXTY-THIRD DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Saturday, April 3.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. No quorum, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Bowser.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Darwin.	Presler.
Gough.	Ross.
Greer.	Stafford.
Harrison.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	

Absent.

Beall.	Stone.
Boren.	Terrell.
Colquitt.	Tillett.
Dibrell.	Woods.
Goss.	Yantis.
Rogers.	

Excused.

Yett.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson.

Almighty God: This morning we come to Thee for pardon, waves of pardon, great billows of Thy pardoning love; that underneath that infinite fullness our sin may be lost like a stone in the unfathomable deep. Lead us into all truth; deliver us from all narrowness of thought, and all bigot-

ry of feeling, and set us in the infinite spaces; and give us to know the range and compass of the glorious liberty of the sons of God. Fill us with Christ-like motives and love. Destroy all self-trust and self-idolatry; and give us to feel that every man is Thy child, and that the more he is lost, the greater is the anxiety of Thy love concerning him. Deliver us from any feeling of contempt for any living creature. Send out the light of Thy truth; may the nations behold it, and wonder and adore. These petitions we ask in the name of Christ. Amen.

Senator Atlee moved a call of the Senate, which was duly seconded and ordered, the following senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Bowser.	Linn of Wharton.
Burns.	Morriss.
Colquitt.	Neal.
Darwin.	Presler.
Dibrell.	Ross.
Gough.	Stafford.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	

**Absent.**

Beall.	Terrell.
Boren.	Tillett.
Goss.	Woods.
Rogers.	Yantis.
Stone.	

**Excused.**

Yett.

Quorum announced.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On Motion of Senator Ross, the same was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Lewis,

Assistant Seargent-at-Arms Pace was excused from attendance on the Senate on Monday next on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Morriss,

Senator Rogers was excused for non-attendance on yesterday because of sickness.

On motion of Senator Burns,

Doorkeeper Dale was excused for to-day on account of important business.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.**

By Senator Greer:

Senate Bill No. 339, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize cities and towns incorporated for municipal purposes, and having assumed control of the public schools within their limits,

to annex adjacent territory for school purposes only, and to provide for the support and control of the public schools within the independent district so formed."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Senator Linn of Wharton:

Senate Bill No. 340, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend the charter of the city of Galveston by amending sections 39, 116, 127, 132d, and 174, and by adding thereto sections 73c, 73d, 90a, 132d, 132e, 174a, 188a, 188b, 188c, 188d, 188e, 188f, 188g, 188h, 188i, and 188j."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Senator Yantis:

Senate Bill No. 341, a bill to be entitled "An act to create a more efficient road system for Milam county, Texas, and making county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and defining the powers and duties of such county commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts on public roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees, and rewards and penalties for said convicts, and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and to provide for the manner and training and maintaining hedges along all public roads, and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance for time of road service for same, and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Senator Yantis (by request),

Senate Bill No. 342, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 276, chapter 6, title VIII of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to the duties of the Commissioners' Court, and to provide a penalty for a failure of such court or any member thereof to discharge their duties in certain cases."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Yantis (by request),

Senate Joint Resolution No. 10, to amend section 4 of article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Senator Bowser:

Whereas, the Hon. R. D. Gage, an honored member of the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, is now present; be it

Resolved, that he be invited to a seat within the bar of this Senate.

Unanimously adopted, and Senator Bowser appointed to escort the honorable gentleman to a seat with the president.

By Senator Colquitt:

Whereas, ex-Senator Walter Tips of Travis county, who was an honored member of the Senate of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Legislature, is present in the capitol; therefore be it

Resolved, that he be invited to a seat within the bar of the Senate.

Unanimously adopted, and Senator Colquitt appointed to escort the honorable gentleman to a seat with the president.

By Joint Committee:

Senate Bill No. 343, a bill to be entitled "An act to redistrict the State of Texas into judicial districts for the purpose of reducing their number and equalizing the work of the judges, to fix the times of holding court therein, to provide for the appointment of district judges and district attorneys in certain cases, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

Call concluded.

On motion of Senator Turney, the regular order of business was suspended to take up on its third reading,

Senate bill No. 158, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3328 of chapter 4, title 66, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and article 4651, chapter 3, title 96, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, by providing for the place of record of certain written contracts, for the conditional sale, lease or hire of railroad equipment and rolling stock,"

Bill read third time, and passed.

On motion of Senator Yantis, the regular order of business was suspended to take up on third reading,

Senate bill No. 212, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide a penalty for the failure or refusal of any president, vice president, or cashier of a national bank to furnish the tax assessor or the deputy tax assessor a correct statement of the assets and liabilities of the

national bank of which such person is president, vice president or cashier."

Bill read third time.

By Senator Yantis:

Amend by striking out lines 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29, on page 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The amount of money on hand or in transit, or in the hands of other banks, bankers, brokers or others subject to draft, whether the same be in or out of the State."

Also insert the figure 6 in lieu of the figure 8, in line 29, and insert the figure 7 in lieu of the figure 9 in line 30, page 1, and insert the figure 8 in lieu of the figure 10 in line 1, page 2.

Adopted.

By Senator Yantis:

Amend by striking out the words "certificates and coins," in line 8, on page 2, and insert the word "and" between the words "money" and "notes" in same line.

No quorum appearing,

Senator Ross moved a call of the Senate, which was duly seconded and ordered, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Linn of Wharton.
Bowser.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Colquitt.	Presler.
Darwin.	Ross.
Gough.	Terrell.
Greer.	Wayland.
Harrison.	Yantis.
Kerr.	

Absent.

Boren.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Tillett.
Goss.	Turney.
Rogers.	Woods.
Stafford.	

Excused.

Yett.

Quorum announced.

The amendment (Yantis') was then adopted.

Bill passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Colquitt.
Bailey.	Darwin.
Beall.	Gough.
Bowser.	Greer.
Burns.	Harrison.
Kerr.	Presler.
Lewis.	Ross.
Linn of Victoria.	Terrell.
Linn of Wharton.	Wayland.
Morriss.	Yantis.
Neal.	

Nays—none.

Absent.

Boren.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Tillett.
Goss.	Turney.
Rogers.	Woods.
Stafford.	

Excused.

Yett.

On motion of Senator Greer, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up on its second reading,

Senate bill No. 296, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 14, of title 86, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, by adding after article 3993b a new article, to be numbered 3993c, providing for the organization of school districts in community counties, and validating such districts heretofore organized."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

Senator Greer moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and that the bill be put upon its third reading and final passage.

No quorum, the following Senators voting:

Yeas—19.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Linn of Wharton.
Bowser.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Colquitt.	Presler.
Darwin.	Ross.
Gough.	Terrell.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Yantis.
Lewis.	

Nays—none.

Absent.

Bailey.	Stafford.
Boren.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Tillett.
Goss.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Rogers.	

Excused.

Yett.

Senator Greer moved a call of the Senate, which was duly seconded and ordered, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Gough.
Beall.	Greer.
Bowser.	Harrison.
Burns.	Lewis.
Colquitt.	Linn of Victoria.
Darwin.	Linn of Wharton.

Morriss.
Neal.
Presler.
Ross.
Stafford.

Terrell.
Turney.
Wayland.
Yantis.

Absent.

Bailey.	Rogers.
Boren.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Tillett.
Goss.	Woods.
Kerr.	

Excused.

Yett.

Quorum announced.

The constitutional rule was then suspended by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Neal.
Burns.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Gough.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Linn of Victoria.	Yantis.
Linn of Wharton.	

Nays—none.

Absent.

Atlee.	Kerr.
Bailey.	Rogers.
Boren.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Woods.
Goss.	

Excused.

Yett.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Atlee.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Neal.
Burns.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Gough.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Linn of Victoria.	Yantis.

Nays—none.

Absent.

Bailey.	Dibrell.
Boren.	Goss.
Kerr.	Stone.
Rogers.	Woods.

Excused.

Yett.

Senator Greer moved to reconsider

the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

On motion of Senator Colquitt, the regular order of business was suspended to take up on its second reading,

Senate bill No. 218, a bill to be entitled "An act to prohibit the buying and selling of futures in cotton."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Greer:

Amend by striking out the enacting clause.

Senator Bowser moved, as a substitute for the amendment, that further consideration of the bill be postponed till Tuesday, April 6, and that the bill be made a special order for that day.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—7.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Terrell.
Bowser.	Wayland.
Kerr.	

Nays—16.

Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Burns.	Morriss.
Colquitt.	Neal.
Darwin.	Ross.
Gough.	Stafford.
Greer.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Turney.
Lewis.	Yantis.

Absent.

Boren.	Rogers.
Dibrell.	Stone.
Goss.	Woods.
Presler.	

Excused.

Yett.

The amendment (Greer's) was then lost by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Linn of Wharton.
Bowser.	Tillett.
Burns.	Turney.
Greer.	

Nays—12.

Colquitt.	Neal.
Darwin.	Ross.
Gough.	Stafford.
Harrison.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Morriss.	Yantis.

Absent.

Boren.	Rogers.
Dibrell.	Stone.
Goss.	Woods.
Presler.	

Excused.

Yett.

Senator Bailey moved that the bill be postponed till Saturday, April 10, after call, and that it be made special order for that day.

Carried by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

Atlee.	Kerr.
Bailey.	Lewis.
Beall.	Linn of Victoria.
Bowser.	Linn of Wharton.
Burns.	Tillett.
Greer.	Turney.

Nays—11.

Colquitt.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Gough.	Terrell.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Morriss.	Yantis.
Neal.	

Absent.

Boren.	Rogers.
Dibrell.	Stone.
Goss.	Woods.
Presler.	

Excused.

Yett.

(Senator Greer in the chair.)

On motion of Senator Bowser, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 302, a bill to be entitled "An act to require all corporations that are now required, or that may hereafter be required under the laws of this State, to keep on deposit with the State of Texas money, bonds or other securities, to hereafter keep on deposit with this State money, bonds of the State of Texas or of some county or city therein, or first mortgage lien notes on real estate situated within this State, and declaring an emergency."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Bowser:

Insert in line 2, page 2, after the word "taxation" the words "in this State."

Adopted.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 3, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred,

Senate Bill No. 341, a bill to be entitled "An act to create a more efficient road system for Milam county,

Texas, and making county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and defining the powers and duties of such county commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts on public roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees, and rewards and penalties for said convicts, and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and to provide for the manner and training and maintaining hedges along all public roads, and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance for time of road service for same, and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am intructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

WAYLAND, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Stafford, the Senate adjourned to Monday at 10 a. m., by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Stafford.
Burns.	Terrell.
Darwin.	Turney.
Greer.	Wayland.
Kerr.	

Nays—7.

Bowser.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Tillett.
Gough.	Yantis.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Boren.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Presler.
Goss.	Rogers.
Harrison.	Stone.
Linn of Wharton.	Woods.

Excused.

Yett.

#### SIXTY-FOURTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Monday, April 5.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Neal.
Burns.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Darwin.	Turney.
Gough.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.

Absent.

Atlee.	Rogers.
Boren.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Stone.
Goss.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Woods.
Lewis.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson.

Almighty God: We thank Thee for the angelic song in the Judean sky at the birth of Mary's Son, "Peace on earth and good will to men." We pray Thee that the prophetic song of the ancient seer Micah may be fulfilled among the restless disturbed nations of earth; "and God shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Oh, thou God of all nations, grant the application of these great principles in the policy of our Christian civilization. Command Thy blessings upon our own nation, wisely direct its government that peace and prosperity may follow. Especially bless the many sad and homeless citizens, who are sufferig from storm and floods. Remember most kindly all of the great interest of this, our splendid Texas. We most devoutly pray Thee to send Thy consoling presence to our friend and brother, Representative R. H. Ward, and his motherless children, who now sit under the darkest cloud known to human experience. Give them grace and comfort, and help them to trust implicitly in Him who is love and compassion, and who tenderly visits and weeps with those that weep in sorrow, and may they be able to see the golden fringe of a brighter sky, the home of the purer and good. These petitions we ask in the name of Christ, humanity's friend. Amen.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following communication: